

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A golf marking flag for attachment to an upright pole to provide a movable flag identifier on golf courses, the upright pole having an upwardly extending pin member attached to the upper end of the upright pole, the upwardly extending pin having a reduced thickness smaller than the thickness of the upright pole forming a peripheral lateral shoulder at the juncture of the upwardly extending pin and the upper terminal end of the upright pole, the marking flag adapted to rotate on the upright pole in response to wind movements, the marking flag comprising:

a flag having an attachment side for interconnection with the upright pole, the attachment side having a linear sleeve adapted to loosely slip over the upright pole and enable free rotation of the flag about the upright pole, the linear sleeve having an upper flexible extension tab secured to the uppermost part of the linear sleeve, the tab having an opening large enough to rotatably engage the upwardly extending pin but smaller than the thickness of the upright pole to enable the extension tab to rest upon and be rotatably supported on the peripheral lateral shoulder between the upright pin and the terminal end of the upright pole, where the extension tab vertically supports the marking flag on the upright pole while permitting rotational movement of the flag about the upright pole.

2. The golf marking flag of claim 1 where the upright pole and upwardly extending pin are circular, where the tab opening is larger than the diameter of the extending pin but smaller than the diameter of the upright pole to provide rotatable support of the marking flag on the upright pole, and a capping member secured to the top of the upwardly extending pin to prevent dislodgment of the flexible tab from the extension pin while permitting rotation of the flexible tab about the extension pin.

3. The golf marking flag of claim 2 where the opening in the tab is a metal grommet.

4. The golf marking flag of claim 2 where the flag sleeve contains a removable tubular insert with an inside diameter larger than the upright pole diameter to facilitate rotation of the marking flag about the upright pole.

5. The golf marking flag of claim 4 where the tubular insert is a plastic tube.

6. The golf marking flag of claim 4 where the bottom end of the linear sleeve is partially closed to provide a narrowed opening in the bottom end of the sleeve, the tubular insert having an outside diameter larger than the narrowed opening in the sleeve to prevent the tubular insert from falling out of the linear sleeve.

7. The golf marking flag of claim 2 in combination with the upright pole to form a marking pin for a golf course green, where the flag sleeve is slipped over the upright pole and the flexible tab rotatably engages the extending pin while maintaining vertical support of the flag on the upright pole.

5 8. A golf marking flag for attachment directly to an upright pole, the flag and upright pole being movable for marking holes in golf course greens, the flag adapted to be rotatably supported on the upright pole, the marking flag comprising:

10 a flag having an attachment side for attachment to the upright pole, the attachment side having a linear sleeve adapted to loosely slip over the upright pole, the sleeve having an upper flexible extension tab with an opening adapted to loosely engage a narrowed extension on the top of the upright pole, the flexible extension tab rotatably supported by the upright pole, the flexible extension tab vertically supporting the flag on the upright pole while the linear sleeve is rotatably attached to the upright pole.

15 9. A universal golf marking flag for direct attachment to an upright pole, or indirect attachment by an intervening swivel connector to an upright pole, the flag and upright pole providing a movable flag identifier on golf courses, the marking flag adapted to be rotatably supported on the upright pole, the universal marking flag comprising:

20 a flag having an attachment side for attachment to the upright pole, the attachment side having direct attachment means and indirect attachment means for attaching the flag to the upright pole;

the direct attachment means being a linear sleeve adapted to loosely slip over the upright pole and enable free rotation of the flag about the upright pole, the linear sleeve having a flexible extension tab secured to the upper part of the linear sleeve, the flexible tab having an opening adapted to rotatably engage a narrowed extension on the top of the upright pole, where the extension tab rotatably supports the flag on the upright pole while the linear sleeve is rotatably attached to the upright pole;

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the indirect attachment means being a plurality of vertically spaced indirect attachment means secured to the sleeve to enable indirect attachment of the flag to an upright pole by an intervening swivel connector attached to the flag and rotatably attached to the upright pole.

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10. The universal golf marking flag in claim 9 where the indirect attachment means comprises a plurality of vertically spaced openings adapted to be secured to the swivel connector attached to the upright pole.

11. The universal golf marking flag of claim 10 where the vertically spaced openings comprise grommet openings in the sleeve.

12. The universal golf marking flag of claim 9 where the vertically spaced attachment means comprise a plurality of external loops secured to the sleeve.